GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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WORKING GROUP ON EMPOWERMENT OF SCHEDULED TRIBES
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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Working Group on `Empowering the Scheduled Tribes` has submitted its report;

(b) if so, the suggestions made by the said Working Group to safeguard the interests of tribals, particularly that of the primitive groups, displaced tribals and their rehabilitation;

(c) whether the Union Government are considering to bring out a national tribal policy as mooted by the said Working Group; and

(d) if so, the details ethereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) (c) & (d) The Working Group has recommended that there is an urgent need for a comprehensive national policy to safeguard the interests of tribals, particularly that of the primitive groups, displaced tribals and their rehabilitation. The comprehensive national policy will provide for complete socio-economic rehabilitation of displaced tribals. The policy must aim at ensuring a better living standard to the displaced tribal families at the relocation sites.